



Disability Inclusive Ministry Checklist for Churches

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Preparing your church

- Create an Inclusion Committee to discuss matters of inclusion and any barriers to participation.
- Assess your church's current situation:
 - Complete a congregational survey to find out the needs of people with disability in the church and to assess your church's readiness for intentional disability ministry.
 - Complete a physical assessment of your church's buildings and services.

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Getting started

- Create a plan for first steps towards inclusion based on results of your congregational survey and physical assessment of church's buildings and services.
- Consider seeking disability inclusive training for your leadership and congregation. Contact the Ministry Leader at Our Place to discuss potential disability training workshops for your church (ministryleader@ourplacecc.org.au).

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Engaging your congregation

- Communicate your vision and plan to your congregation for taking steps towards greater disability inclusion.
- Begin to consider how this vision will be applied in different areas of your church ministry such as youth ministry, Sunday services, Bible study groups, etc.
- Enlist help and guidance from congregational members with experience of disability/passion for inclusion.



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Removing barriers

- Set priorities and work towards eliminating barriers to participation in your church (to be done by your Inclusion Committee).
- Regularly provide updates on progress to church leadership and the whole church (to be done by your Inclusion Committee).
- Provide opportunities for church leadership and the whole church to give feedback (to be done by your Inclusion Committee).

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Promoting your ministry

- Communicate your vision beyond your church's walls. Make your commitment to disability inclusion clear in:
 - your social media messaging
 - your website
 - your videos, slides, emails, and other digital collateral
 - your church grounds signage

And remember to...

Sign up for the Our Place Christian Communities **newsletter** to be kept up to date on training events and opportunities for your church staff and leadership.

Come along to our next Belonging **workshop on making your church a disability inclusive community** - find more details and register here:



'Like' and follow Our Place Christian Communities on **social media** - connect and share on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Contact Our Place Christian Communities (ministryleader@ourplacecc.org.au) to organise a **free consultation** regarding disability ministry and inclusion.

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